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Paul - I was not physically present during the opening of the meeting. I was outside in front of the church assessing if anyone was having trouble finding the entrance. I ran into you in the parking lot and you remarked to me that you were kicked out. I inquired to others at the meeting as to what happened and it is my understanding from them that you were not expelled but rather you were asked to sit at the side table along with other non-CAG members, non-presenters. There were at least 5 others who were sitting at the non-member table.

Our meetings are always open to the public and we encourage as broad of participation as possible. The whole reason we're there is to get community input and share information. I do not think your letter is accurate in its use of the term "expelled". I have asked Doug Sarno, the CAG facilitator to provide me with his first-hand knowledge of the facts and I will follow up with you once I get them.

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Paul Lerin <bionautics@gmail.com>  
01/15/2010 11:58 AM  
To Dave Kluesner/R2/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc  
Subject Re: [lowerpassaic] Lower Passaic River Cleanup: January 14 Community Advisory Group Meeting to Be Held in Newark, New Jersey

Hi Dave,

Do you agree with this letter before I send it?

Administrator Judith A. Enck  
Environmental Protection Agency  
290 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007-1866

Dear Administrator Enck:

Recently, on January 14th of 2010, I was expelled from a Community Advisory Group meeting in the City of Newark concerning the Passaic River Superfund Site by a consultant hired by the EPA. I was asked to leave the table prior to the beginning of the discussion.

I have provided my time and service to my community as a CAG member in this matter since 1998 as head of the Friends of the Passaic River, Inc. and its 300 members. I am also affiliated with four veterans service groups who desperately seek information about the the Superfund Site in their neighborhood.

According to the EPA, a Community Advisory Group must be made up of community members who have a direct, personal interest and live near the Site. And anyone affected by hazardous waste can join a CAG. Outside people or groups can only be involved if they are helping with the Community Advisory Group with its work.

In a population of where more than a million can be affected by the decision making process, only a handful of residents are in attendance. A CAG is designed to meet the need of ALL community members and to play an important role in bringing these voices to EPA's attention.

Therefore, this letter shall serve to advise the USEPA Region 2, that we are forming a Community Advisory Group to have our voices heard in the clean-up process. Our meetings are always on the last Wednesdays of the months, 7 P.M. Our location is the Disabled American Veterans Building, 612 Mill Street, Belleville, NJ 07109. Please send a EPA representative.

Respectfully,

Paul Lerin (973) 943-0006  
Vice Commander DAV Chapter 22

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Administrator Lisa P. Jackson  
Senator Frank R. Lautenberg  
Senator Robert Menedez  
Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr.

On Tue, Jan 12, 2010 at 12:17 PM, <Kluesner.Dave@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:  
This listserv message has been sent on behalf of the U.S. EPA

This email is being sent to you at the request of the Passaic River Community Advisory Group (CAG).

The next meeting of the Passaic River CAG will be held in Newark, NJ on January 14, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at St. James Church located at 142 Jefferson Street.

Agenda topics for the CAG meeting

- Review and refine community values
- Discuss options for obtaining technical assistance
- Initial discussion of Community Health and Safety Plan for Phase 1 Removal Project
- Overview of activities for the Lower 8 Mile Cleanup

Thursday January 14  
6 PM - 9 PM  
St. James Church

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